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Former Paw Paw Public Schools employee faces charges of wire fraud

PAW PAW - A former Paw Paw Public Schools employee faces charges of wire fraud in ex-cess of $20,000, according to a press release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott said that in November 2024, the Portage Police Department investigated a fraud complaint after Child Care Resources reported several unau-thorized transactions from their bank account. A detailed investigation revealed that over $27,000 had been used to pay bills for Danielle Taylor, 34, a Lawrence area resident.

While Taylor worked for the Cedar Street location of Paw Paw Public Schools, part of her job involved opening mail, which sometimes contained checks from childcare resources. Sheriff Abbott said she was then able to obtain the checking account and routing numbers and made several online transactions to allegedly pay for her vehicle insurance and mortgage. When detec-tives spoke with Taylor, she confirmed that she worked for Paw Paw Public Schools at the Cedar Street location and that her duties included sorting mail, which often required her to open enve-lopes containing checks.

Sheriff Abbott said Taylor had previously been convicted in Kalamazoo County for similar offenses. A warrant was issued for her arrest, and she is currently lodged at the Van Buren County Jail. A significant bond amount is being requested.

Driver faces charges following arrest in Decatur Twp.

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A Lawton area man faces charges of driving while intoxicated and flee and elude, following his arrest early Friday morning, March 7, according to a press release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott said that deputies were dispatched to Decatur Township, near the intersection of County Road 352 and CR 669, at approximately 4:25 a.m. Dep-uties had been called for an occupied vehicle that had been parked in the travel lane of CR 352. Decatur Police Department assisted deputies and made initial contact with the driver, a 39-year-old male from the Lawton area. The driver was in the driver's seat and had a bottle of alco-hol in his lap. Sheriff Abbott said the suspect driver refused commands from officers to exit the vehicle. The suspect then put his vehicle into drive and attempted to evade officers.

A short pursuit ensued east from the contact location, prior to the driver crashing his car in the 36000 block of CR 669. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. Deputies took the driver to the hospital where he was checked out.

Sheriff Abbott said the suspect was arrested and was transported to the Van Buren County Jail on charges of OWI and flee and elude.

This incident is currently under investigation.

BUSINESS OWNER OFFERS COMMUNITY EVENTS TO BUILD A DEAF SPACE

Mark Ostrander at The Lucky Wolf

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PAW PAW – After their young son experienced a slight hearing loss, the owner of The Lucky Wolf, Paw Paw, has recently started a free community event to build a deaf space for the Paw Paw community thanks in part to staff members at Mattawan Community School District and the Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD).

Lucky Wolf owner Jason Deibler-Love said, "We almost lost our son when he was one year old to bacterial meningitis. He thankfully has recovered well, but one of the lasting effects is a slight loss of hearing which is extremely important during this speech developmental stage."

He added, "We are thankfully getting some amazing support for speech therapy, and he wears hearing aids and has been learning sign language (his twin sister is picking it up too). When Mark (Ostrander), who works with him, brought to me the idea of doing something for the deaf community as a family, friendly event, I said, 'Of course!'" said Deibler-Love.

Ostrander said, "It's an opportunity to build a deaf space. We live in a hearing world. We're trying to build a deaf space. It's a chance to interact with the deaf community through deaf space and Deaf culture in the Paw Paw community."

Deibler-Love said, "It was beautiful to see how many people came out to the first one and they are looking forward to the second monthly meet and greet on March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lucky Wolf, 404 E. Michigan Ave.

Deibler-Love concluded, "If anyone has any interest in learning some sign language, it is such a great platform and opportunity to do it over a cup of coffee, a glass of wine and a really wonderful community."

Monthly events that are deaf/asl focused, are being planned, according to Deibler-Love.

Deaf community event at The Lucky Wolf

Lawton Village continues discussion on Lawton youth softball baseball program

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LAWTON -The Lawton Village Council at the Feb. 25 village council meeting continued discussion on the Lawton Youth Softball Baseball program. During Citizen's Comments, Pam Stermer, a resident of E. Third Street, addressed the Lawton Village Council with more thoughts and questions as follow-up from the last Lawton Village Council meeting. Stermer felt that if the community were to let go of the Little League fields, she believed that the program would not re-turn to Lawton. She also told the village council that following the last meeting, she felt there was not a concrete path going forward.

Stermer said she was curious if the council's letting go of the property was a done deal at this point. Stemer said another parcel of land located on White Oak Road has seen a reduction in price. She questioned the turn-around for the village to sell property based on that property's sale. Stermer provided a list of questions to the village council for committees to consider.

Village Council member Eric Dudek said talks on the Little League parcel are very early in discussion.

Dudek said Doug Lawrence, treasurer of Lawton Youth Softball Baseball, was in attend-ance at the meeting to help spearhead the committee that will go forward with talks with village officials and Lawton Little League. Dudek also said there are plans to work with Porter and Ant-werp townships on the youth baseball fields. Lawrence said he was going to serve as a liaison for communication between the village and Lawton Little League Board. Lawrence said six other people serve on the subcommittee.

In another area, Beth Middleton-Pompeii of Zoning Solutions, told the village council that 23 new letters have gone out in the village regarding blight. She said there has also been an in-crease in responses, which signaled that blight remediation is working within the village.

The council approved a quote of $29,542.29 from Kubota, for the purchase of a new side-walk plow with attachments.

The council approved to turn the Reid's Corner rules, regulation, planning and events scheduling over to the Lawton Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Following an earlier public hearing, the council also approved the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget that began on March 1 and ends Feb. 28, 2026.

The village council was informed that the Village of Lawton Planning Commission ap-proved a site plan for Alternative Fuel Technologies for property at 825 N. Main St.

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The Storytellers Senior Readers Theater group is holding auditions for a new show. This performance will be a collection of one act plays by playwright Linda LaRocque. Show dates are June 6, 7 and 8 and will be at the Senior Services Auditorium in South Haven.

First reading will be held at the First United Methodist Church in South Haven on Sunday, March 30 from 3-5pm. Auditions will be Sunday, April 6 from 3-5. Rehearsal schedule to be determined.

The Storytellers, South Haven's Senior Readers Theater group, is proud to be part of the fastest growing form of theater today. They are unlike traditional theater since our actors read their scripts while sitting or standing using minimal sets, props and sound effects. They perform both humorous and dramatic plays and all are dedicated to the craft of live theater.

The Storytellers are sponsored by Senior Services of Van Buren County and in addition to performing on their stage, they also have an educational

arm, performing for Western Michigan University's Health and Human Services School and Andrews University Medical School as an intergenerational teaching tool to help students better understand the population for whom they care.

Gemini Moon appears live at First Congregational Church

By James Windell

Gemini Moon is a duo that covers folk and rock songs, but they are more than a cover band.

"We are mostly an original group," says vocalist and guitarist Joe Chamberlin. He along, with the other half of Gemini Moon, Casmira Draconid, will be performing on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church in South Haven.

Chamberlin has been writing music since he was in the fifth grade, but he and Draconid have only been writing and performing together since the pandemic. "We got together because of social media and found out we had a lot in common," says Chamberlin, "so we started making music together."

Chamberlin was born in South Bend, Indiana, but grew up in nearby Huntington. After he graduated from high school, he moved to California where he says he learned about the music business and about taking care of himself. When he came back to this area, he got to know Kalamazoo and discovered "That it is a good area for music and the arts." That has allowed him to make a living as a musician.

Chamberlin's partner Draconid was born in a musical family and has performed with other groups before teaming up with Chamberlin. The duo performs regularly at both the Hilton Garden Inn and the Hampton Inn in Kalamazoo. They will embark on their first Midwest tour in August of this year. Currently, they are in the process of recording their first album which will feature several original songs.

In their concert at the First Congregational Church, they will perform a Tom Petty and Stevie Nicks tunes as well as a variety of blues, pop and folk from several eras.

"We like to think of the music we make is for everyone," Chamberlin says. "We hope our music helps people to get together and find relief and hope."

The Gemini Moon concert on Sunday, March 16, 2025, will begin at 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church UCC, 651 Phoenix Street, South Haven. Tickets, available at the door, are $20. For information, call (269) 637-3804, opt. 5.

Elite Eight: school spirit, rivalries, and community on full display

We're down to the Elite Eight in the Southwest Michigan School Spirit Tournament, and if you thought this was just a lighthearted popularity contest, think again. What's happening here is bigger than a few social media likes - it's about pride, legacy, and the heartbeat of small-town Michigan.

Hartford, Lawrence, Watervliet, Coloma, Decatur, Bangor, Grace Christian, and Gobles have punched their tickets to the second round—eight schools that have proven their communities show up. And as we begin the Elite Eight, all eyes are on a matchup that has defined this corner of the state for generations: The Red Arrow Rivalry.

Watervliet and Coloma. Two towns separated by a few miles of asphalt but bound together by decades of tradition. In this week's Sunday Night Showdown, the Panthers and Comets will square off once again - not on a football field or in a packed gymnasium, but online, where every like, comment, photo, and share will determine who moves on and who goes home.

"This is what the tournament is all about," Rep. Wendzel said. "Two great schools, two incredible communities, and a friendly but fierce competition that brings people together. I can't wait to see the energy and excitement as we kick off the Elite Eight!"

The Red Arrow Rivalry will go live on Sunday night at 7 p.m. The remaining matchups will go live Monday at noon, as the tournament inches closer to crowning a champion. At stake? Bragging rights, a trophy, a legislative tribute, and a $1,000 donation to the winning school's department of choice.

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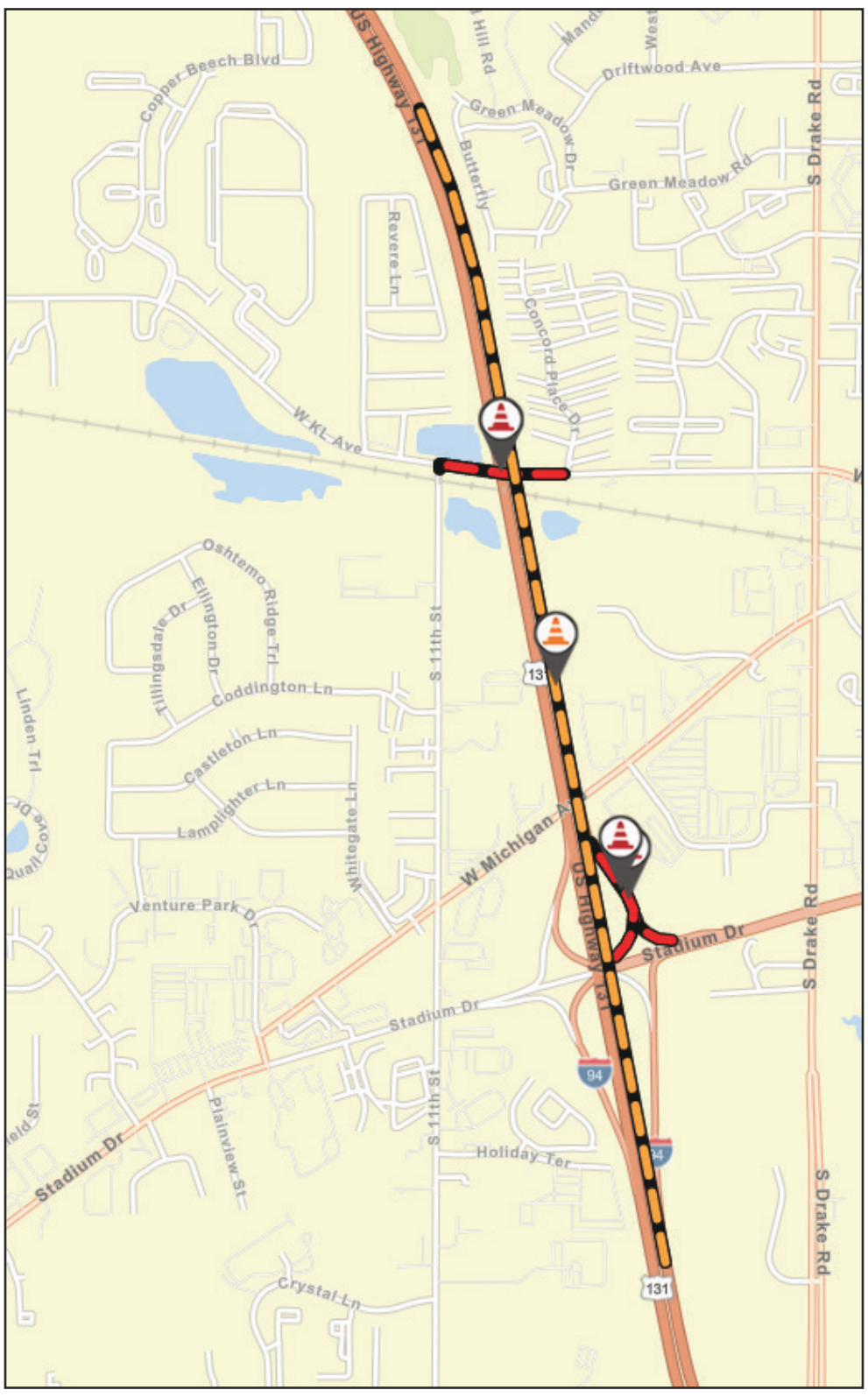
MDOT plans two major construction projects on US-131



This official MDOT map shows the areas of US-131 under construction. The red areas are fully closed, and the orange section is closed too, but with two lanes overlaid on the southbound side. Also shown is West Main Street/M-43 and its intersections with 10th Street, Maple Hill Drive, Mall Drive, and Drake Road.

Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be involved with two major construction projects on US-131 this Spring.

The first project aims to improve traffic flow in several Oshtemo Township intersections around West Main Street/M-43 and US-131.

According to MDOT, key points of the project will include:

- Widening West Main Street/M-43 to add a right-turn lane from Drake Road onto US-131
- Expanding the intersections at Maple Hill Drive, and Mall Drive (near the Shell gas station)
- Adding a crosswalk at the Mall Drive intersection
- Adding a left-turn signal on M-43/ West Main Street at 10th Street
- Adding a right-turn lane on eastbound M-43/West Main Street between 10th Street and the southbound US-131 ramp

However, the biggest part of the project will be the permanent removal of exit 38A on southbound US-131 - eastbound M-43 towards Kalamazoo.

The accompanying exit ramp, southbound US-131 to eastbound M-43/West Main Street will also be permanently removed.

As a replacement, the 38B exit ramp, towards South Haven, will have a new traffic signal added, allowing drivers to turn in both directions.

For drivers going from westbound M-43/West Main Street onto southbound US-131, this change will create a longer acceleration lane onto US-131 and eliminate the current weave-merge lane.

MDOT spokesperson, Nick Schirripa says the project is estimated to cost around $10 million of state and federal funds, and should wrap up in September.

The final cost and official renderings will be available once work begins in the Spring.

This project's announcement comes only a few days after MDOT stated they would resume their three-year, $24 million rebuild of the US-131 bridges over KL Avenue and the Amtrak railroad.

This year, MDOT plans to finish work on the northbound bridge and begin work on the southbound bridge.

During the construction, KL Avenue will be closed, with traffic detouring on Drake Road, West Michigan Avenue, and 11th Street.

The Stadium Drive ramp to northbound US-131 will be closed through June 26, with a detour on Stadium Drive, Drake Road, and West Main Street/M-43.

On June 27th, the Stadium Drive ramp will reopen, and traffic will be shifted to the new northbound bridge, allowing work to begin on the southbound bridge.

In addition to rebuilding the two bridges, this project also includes sanitary sewer and culvert improvements, hot-mix asphalt rebuilding, a nonmotorized path along KL Avenue, approach work, and pavement markings on US-131.

As of the publication of this newspaper, MDOT has resumed the project.

Schirripa says construction will continue until November, then break for the winter, and be fully finished in June 2026.

He added that based on economic modeling, it's expected to directly and indirectly support 341 jobs.

Beautify Pullman opens online auction

By Gari Voss

The Beautify Pullman committee creates some extraordinary fundraisers that support improvements to the Pullman, MI community. The funds raised have brought a historical mural to a building facade, flowers and trees along the streets, and a Town Square that contains a pavilion, gazebo, and a memorial wall plus play equipment. Now, the group is about to embark on a fantastic online auction that has some fabulous items.

The Experience Michigan Online Auction items can be previewed at https://charityauction.bid/ExperienceMichigan2025 before the auction begins on March 17, 2025. Browse the many items and experiences offered - vacations, wineries, restaurants, home & garden, sporting events, activities & adventures, professional services, and unique gifts. Some of the offerings include…

Vacation lover items include a weekend in Chicago, a stay at the historic Hotel Nichols in South Haven, several getaways on lakes and in the woods of Lee Township, two nights in Buchanan, MI, a night at the Hampton Inn in South Haven, 2 nights at the historic Pullman Frolic or on Lower Scott Lake, and the list goes on.

Sports lovers can golf at Hawkshead Links, Charter Fish on Lake Michigan, get tickets to a Detroit Tiger game or the Kalamazoo Growlers or the Grand Rapids Gold or the Grand Rapids Rise or the Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey, or a W. Michigan Whitecaps game, Bittersweet Resort Ski Passes, 10 passes to Satya Yoga in Saugatuck, Landshark's gift certificate, bowling for 10 or for 5, time at BAM Entertainment in Holland, visit to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, more golf packages, and the list goes on!

More locally, there is camping at Kal-Haven Outpost, a basket from Fenn Valley Vineyard, a private event at Reel Play Center, a tour & tasting at Wyncroft Wines in Pullman, a party at the Pullman Town Square Pavilion or the Gazebo, a Let's Roam Scavenger Hunt, an afternoon on Lower Scott Lake, tickets for Frederik Meijer Gardens, a day at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, plus additional fun close to home.

For kids, try a ride-on dump truck, Tardy's Underground, or passes to the Mitten Museum.

Around the home, there is tree service, a ring video doorbell, a Wood Burning Fire Pit, professional house cleaning, a handmade quilt, lovely paintings, genealogy research services, North Shore Garden Center certificates, garden preparation package, oil change coupon, Dickinson TrueValue certificate, power washing, auto service, plus more.

Wonderful food at the Farmhouse Deli, Salt of the Earth, Phoenix Street on Broadway, El Jaripeo Mexican, Pizza Plus pizzas, and more wineries.

Proceeds from the online auction will be used to support the summer Farmers Markets, live music in the Town Square, holiday gatherings, and more.

Mark your Calendars! The Auction runs only from March 17-24, 2025.

Vehicle stolen, later found, following home invasion in Bangor Township

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Uniform Response took a UDAA/home invasion in Bangor Township. The suspects stole multiple firearms, Miller Mig welder, Miller plasma cutter, HP laptop, cash money, white safe, and a 2010 silver Chevrolet Traverse. The vehicle was recovered by Roseland Police Department, near Elkhart, Ind., according to Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott. "Detectives from our office processed the vehicle for evidence prior to the owner getting it. Detectives and deputies working on the case were able to develop suspects. It is an ongoing investigation currently. Anyone that has further information about it is asked to contact our office," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response took a domestic violence call in Arlington Township. After the investigation was complete, the male half (husband) was lodged at the Van Buren County Jail for assault-ing his wife, according to Sheriff Abbott.

"Our office received a donation of body armor for K9 Quillen. The vest for K9 Quillen is stab protective and bullet proof. The donation came from a non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s Inc. Since its inception, they have donated 5,918 vests valued at $6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states. It's all made possible by both private and corporate donations," said Sheriff Abbott.

Two corrections deputies completed the Corrections Academy this week at Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC). During the academy, they learn laws, defense techniques, handcuffing, report writing, etc. "Congratulations to Deputy Cary Grimm and Deputy Annessia White for the accomplishment and representing our office at a high level," said Sheriff Abbott.

The SWAT Team did their monthly training. "They practiced door breaching, bomb/IED familiarization, along with other drills that will keep them sharp doing their job," said Sheriff Abbott.

Deputies took a malicious destruction of property (MDOP) involving Maple Hill Cemetery at the south Hartford limits. "Anyone with information on this is asked to call our office," said Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response had 394 traffic stops in February and took 667 calls for service. The Dispatch Center took 2,373 911 calls in February, with 3,600 other calls coming in on the normal general phone lines, according to Sheriff Abbott.

Uniform Response took a larceny/ illegal entry at the Bangor Rod and Gun Club. An antique Ithaca Model 37 16-gauge pump shotgun was taken as well as a Stihl chainsaw. "The suspect came in through an unlocked door and it occurred sometime after Feb. 28. Anyone with any information is asked to call our office," said Sheriff Abbott.

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Bangor sophomore finishes solid season

Jonah Luter had a strong season for Bangor's boys basketball team.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

Jonah Luter recently finished the boys basketball season at Bangor was an outstanding one.

It was Luter's sophomore season.

"Last year I also played on varsity but not much," he said. "This was my first full time year. It's been going pretty good. We haven't won that many games this year but I've been scoring a decent amount."

His top points game was 31 against Decatur.

"It was a mix of everything," he said. "I hit some threes, I got to the basket a little bit. It was a combination. In conference games I was averaging 15.5 points. All games, I'm at 14.5."

His favorite shot is the 3-pointer and he said the key to netting the triples is getting up a lot of shots like getting outside and practicing shots. He's around 35 percent in 3-point shooting.

Bangors final record was 3-20 but the team beat Decatur 60-32 to open the district.

"Not year we'll be pretty good," Luter said. "We're not losing anybody. We're all sophomores. We're losing one senior starter. I would like to improve my overall strength."

Luter is planning on running track in the spring.

South Haven players earn all-conference honors

Molly Verseput earned all-conference basketball honors for South Haven.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — Ly'Nique Cunningham and Molly Verseput have earned All-SAC honors this season for first team.

Charlotte Grzybowski and Neveah Cooper have earned honorable mention status.

South Haven's girls basketball team ended its season in the district semifinals last week with a 50-48 loss to Otsego.

After being down 28-14 at halftime, South Haven rallied and took the lead late in the game but came up short to lose by two points.

South Haven won the South Western Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division with a 9-1 record and was 16-7 overall.

Cunningham had 27 points, six rebounds and two assists. Verseput had nine points, eight rebounds, two blocks, two steals and two assists.

Charlotte Gryzbowksi had five points, Da'Vyne Crowley had four points, four rebounds and two blocks. Nevaeh Cooper had three points, two rebounds and two assists.

The South Haven boys wound up their season at 17-4. They were 8-2 in the SAC to finish.

Bangor falls to Watervliet

By John Raffel
Correspondent

BANGOR — Coach Bret Witkowski's Bangor girls basketball team lost to Watervliet 34-18 in the districts last week to end their season

Stats leaders for Bangor:

Lexi Wisniewski 9 points; K'Liyana O'Steen 9 rebounds; Jaelynn Little 8 steals; Izzy Horvath 2 blocks.

"The Vikings struggled getting good shots to fall but played good defense to hold Watervliet to 34 points," coach Witkowski said.

Bangor's final record was overall 9-12, conference 7-11.

Bloomingdale's girls basketball team saw its season end with a 3-20 record after a loss on March 3 to Fennville 37-24.

The Bloomingdale boys had a very successful season with a final record of 13-12. Bloomingdale won its two district games to take the title. The Cardinals had district wins over Fennville 69-55 and over Delton Kellogg 50-36 in the title game.

In the regionals last week, Bloomingdale lost to Pewamo Westphalia 72-22 to end its season. Pewamo Westphalia beat North Muskegon to win there title 46-39.

Conference announces wrestling awards

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — The Southwest Conference has announced its 2025 postseason wrestling awards.

All-conference local wrestlers were as follows for boys:

120, first team, Aiden Munoz, Bangor, 8th at state, 31-13 record.

126, first team, Austin Garcia, Lawton, second at state, 49-5 record.

126, honorable mention,,= Jose Garcia, South Haven, eighth at state, 43-9 record.

144,Kholby Armijo, Paw Paw, honorable mention, regional qualiier 38-19 record.

150, Mikey Yelding, South Haven, first team, sixth at state 42-12.

165, Kameron Arimijo, Paw Paw, honorable mention regional qualifier, 26-15.

190, Trap Abbott, Bangor, honorable mention 25-12.

190, Brendon Jackson, Bangor, 26-9, honorable mention.

215,Enrique Macedo, honorable, Bangor 22-17.

Female all-conference local wrestlers were as follows:

First team: Maddie Moore, South Haven, 105, 9-10 record; Kaelyn Adamson, South Haven, 120, eighth at state, 32-13 record; Emmalee Krier, Paw Paw, state qualifier, 31-9; Amber Knight, South Haven, 140, regional qualifier, 30-14; Evelyn Hegelmann Bloomingdale's, regional qualifier, 190, 12-8; Rowan Hegelmann, 235, fourth at state, 235, 22-25.

Second team: Molly Menzel,100, Regional qualifier, 16-9 record; Kady Sherrill, Paw Paw, 155, state qualifier, 23-19 record; Angel Miller, 170 Paw Paw, state qualifier, 30-12.

Academic honors went to Aiden Munoz of Bangor, Kholby Armijo and Kameron Armijo of Paw Paw, Zayden Rowland of South Haven, Rowan Hegemony and Molly Menzel of Bloomingdale's,

Paw Paw girls lose in regionals

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PAW PAW — A very fine basketball season for coach Dan Thornton's Paw Paw team case to a close on March 10 with a 88-61 loss to Grand Rapids South Christian.

Paw Paw had won seven straight games prior to the loss to South Christian.

The Wolves won its two district games last week with a 66-59 verdict over Plainwell and a 47-41 victory over Otsego.

South Christian had a 23-2 record following its win over Paw Paw.

Paw Paw had closed out its regular season with wins of 82-75 over Buchanan, 71-60 over Otsego, 67-45 over Richland Gull Lake, and 62-58 over Sturgis.

Lawton's basketball season ended at 15-6 on March 5 with a 65-39 loss to Kalamazoo Christian. Lawton had ended its regular season over Dowagiac with a 45-26 win after losing to Kalamazoo Christian 53-36 and beating Delton Kellogg 59-19.

Lawton finished third in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Valley Division at 15-6.

Gobles bowlers finish season

By John Raffel
Corespondent

GOBLES — Gobles bowling team ended its season recently with the boys taking 12th in the regional finals.

Gobles had a score of 1,929 at the tournament hosted by M66 Bowl in Battle Creek.

In singles, the boys were led by Ismael Rams-Martinez in 39th at 817 and Ethan Perry with an 807 for 42nd. Liliana Garcia was 51st with a 740.

The top two teams advanced to the state finals for the team tournament while the top seven individual boxers wet to the individual tournament the following day.

Gobles did not have any girls competing in the girls events.

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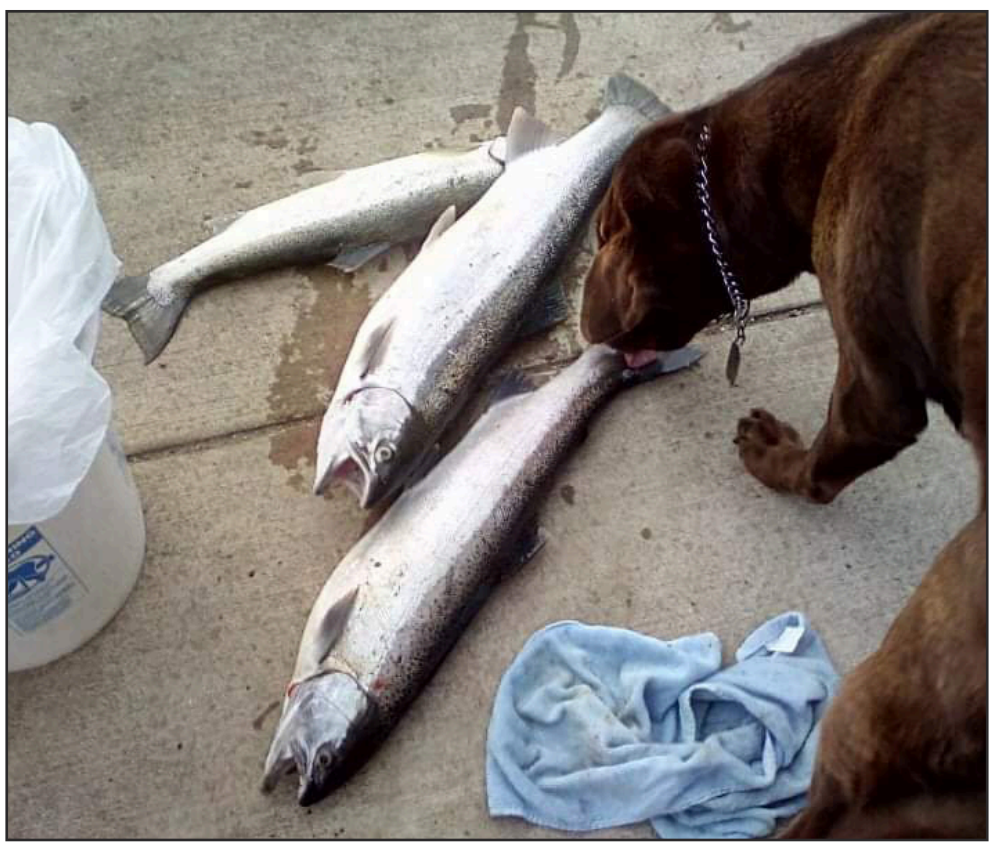
Outdoor Experiences

By Jack Payne

AN OVER-LOOKED EARLY SPRING FISHERY



Three spring fish from the pier

I look forward to early-season fishing. I enjoy keeping it simple and as easy as possible. Chasing brown trout and Coho jacks fits the bill for me. Yes, you can take a boat out and troll between the sand bars. And in a few weeks, we might just do that.

In the meantime, I enjoy fishing the piers. I have a friend who enjoys surf fishing, so take your pick. There are a few reasons why I enjoy the piers. First, the rivers dumping into Lake Michigan often add some color to the water and the rivers bring warmer water.

Second, I like the camaraderie found on the piers. Third, the piers at Holland and South Haven are easy to access. At this time of the year, I enjoy just getting out and taking things in a more relaxed manner.

My pier fishing arsenal is basic. In the past, I mentioned that casting is my favorite method and that still rings true. However, I do enjoy sticking a rod into a holder.

My go-to bait for a dead rod would be either a night crawler or a frozen smelt. I am not saying these are the best baits but they are the baits that I enjoy fishing the most. Other anglers use spawn, wigglers, and wax worms.

As the water temperature ticks up a dead smelt will attract football-shaped browns. As is the case with any bait used, the type of rig will make a big difference.

The best rig uses some type of a sliding sinker. I lean towards the old bell sinker. One reason is that I make my sinkers. Two, they work and I can use the sinker for other types of fishing.

Slide your sinker onto your main line. Tie on a barrel swivel. Then tie on your leader that goes to your hook. The length of the leader depends on the amount of wind. The windier the day the shorter the lead. Sometimes this might be a foot or two. On a calm day, I favor a four-foot leader. Fluorocarbon leaders are a must.

When using smelt I will use a larger hook than when fishing a crawler. Circle or the Octopus hooks are my favorite. A size two or possibly a four when using the smelt and a six or even an eight might be used with a crawler. I also add a homemade stinger hook when the smelt is used.

The stinger hook will allow you to set the hook quickly if you like. Open the bail on your reel if you want to let the fish run a bit. With the sliding sinker concept, the fish will not feel the sinker's weight.

Casting for both the Coho Jacks and the Brown Trout I use just a few lures. Spoons work well and there are plenty to choose from. My favorite would be the Little Cleo spoons that glow in the dark color pattern.

My second favorite is the small Rapala Husky Jerks or the Shad Raps. I am targeting suspended fish and I wait for a lure that I can fish near the surface or down as deep as ten feet.

The next two baits are oldies but goodies and hard to find. I bought the Flutter Spoon mold from Do-it-Molds. This is a fun lure to fish and I use it on many species from ice-out to freeze over.

The last lure I should not even mention, its' that darn good. It's' the old Rocker Minnow and if you search around you can find it in the one eight and one quarter ounce sizes.

I bought a blank mold from Do-it-Molds and asked my neighbor if he could duplicate the few precious ones that still had. Now I have any size from one-sixteenth to one ounce. This is an incredible lure that can be fished in many ways.

Give the Brown Trout and the Coho Jacks a try. And start scouting your spring turkey locations. Remember that Bobs Gun and Tackle have you covered with all of your outdoor products.

Mattawan defenseman finishes career

William Edington was a defenseman for Mattawan.

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MATTAWAN — Mattawan graduated many key players from its hockey team this season including defenseman William Edington.

It was his second varsity season.

"I improved a decent amount from last year," Edington said. "At the start of the year I was kind of a smaller undersized kid. But now I'm not afraid to lay the body and get involved in the play."

Edington, as a defenseman, scored five goals.

"It was kind of like I expected," he said. "It's your last year and. You want to improve your game as much as you can. I played forward prior to last year which was my first year on defense.

"I played defense a little in squirts. As soon as I made the adjustment, I felt at home. The key is keeping your head up and playing the body."

Prosecutor lists crime stats for February

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Assault

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Misdemeanor – 16
Felony - 0
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Larceny

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Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property - 11
Organized Retail Crime - 3
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Misdemeanor - 16
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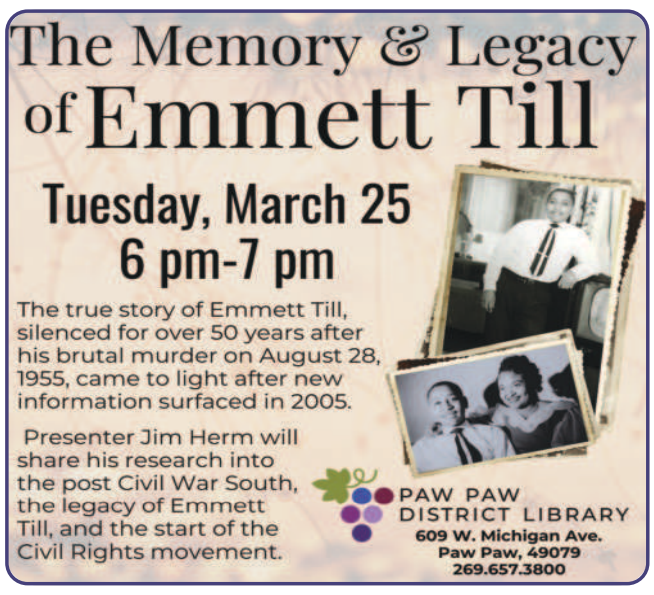
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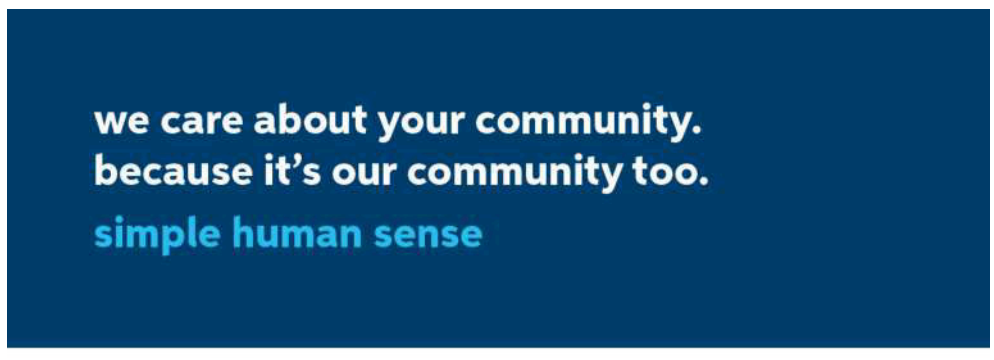
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VIEWPOINT

Pat's legacy will endure for many years

I lost a good friend and co-worker last week. Pat Maurer, has been a part of the Clare County Review since 1983, first as a sales rep, then a writer, then editor and finally as owner. Along the way my father and I purchased the paper from Gary Grim of Farwell and then a few years later sold it to Pat. Ironically, Pat, many years later sold it back to me and continued to this day as a correspondent and columnist.

If your counting that's 42 years serving up news and features about Clare County. Pat was a true journalist, never inserting her opinion in an article and always going the extra mile to present both sides of the story.

But for me, an oftentimes overworked editor, Pat was a Godsend. She would do anything or write anything I asked. When many of my reporters felt overburdened when they were asked to write three stories, Pat wrote ten and sometimes more.

And throughout my many years of working alongside her, she never once complained. She loved writing and loved her community. Before health problems forced her to work from home, she and husband Jack would spend Thursdays helping us design the paper to go to press. She was a bundle of joy, keeping everyone loose on what was typically a stressful day.

But that was Pat. She always had a smile on her face and had kind words for everyone. And despite having health issues the past few years, she continued writing and reporting. It didn't matter if she was on vacation or sick at home, she kept writing, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

Having twelve different newspapers, I have encountered all types of reporters/writers. There are those that are very conscientious and care deeply about their job and community. I would say I'm lucky to have several that fit that description. Then there are others that simply struggle to produce one article in a timely manner.

Pat was at the top of the former. She will be missed. At this point I have no Idea how I will replace her. She has been the face of the Clare County Review for 42 years. Her death was so sudden, I hadn't given a replacement much thought. We will figure it out, but without Pat's contributions, it will be a struggle.

But more importantly than her professional career was the friendship we developed and then sustained through the many years. As co-workers we were together a lot, and then in later years talked on the phone a couple times a week as well as emailing back and forth. She was the definition of a true friend- there to offer advice, tell you when she thought you were wrong, or simply to offer encouragement.

While I aspired to lofty professional goals, Pat chose a simple life- one that put family, Clare and The Review first. Without her I dare say The Review might have went the way of its competitor, The Sentinel or like so many other newspapers. But because of her we are strong, and the strength she gave us will allow us to carry on for many years to come.

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
PUBLISHER

Life as Performance Art

BY C.G. STOPPEL

Two Novembers ago there was a slight crisis on the home front: Madame Dewey realized she was missing a stocking.

Her go-to response at other times something was missing was to ask me, "What have you done with ... (said object?). In this case it was a white silk stocking.

My favorite mysteries are what Agatha Christie called "cozy" murder ones, not sleuthing out errant socks. I watch the British ones, sometimes French if it comes with subtitles and have written a few mysteries myself.

"The Mystery of the Purloined Stocking" had a catchy title to it, but I didn't think I could do much with it. Besides, I was commissioned now to go on a quest.

My default method when confronted with serious challenges such as a missing sock, is to go for a walk around the block to cogitate and come up with an answer. When I headed for the door I was advised a missing sock did not warrant a hike — just find it.

Still, there was no reason to break a tradition, especially since the weather was nice. Before long I had a simple solution to this mystery and asked, "That wasn't the sock with a hole in the toe, the one you threw out, is it?" Sadly, none of her stockings had gone into the circular floor file.

As a completely irrelevant aside: my sock drawer is full of single socks. The good news is that when one of a pair is pitched, since they don't mate for life there is a reasonable chance it can soon be repartnered with another orphaned sock. To that end, I make sure all my socks are black, the same make and model.

I began my investigation with a look-see behind the washer and dryer in case it had somehow flipped out and gone into hiding among the dust bunnies. Nope. Nor had it tumbled out of the laundry basket, slithered under a bed or anywhere else.

For better or worse, we do not have furry four-legged companions who might choose to use it as a chew toy, unlike the Portland, Ore. family whose full-scale Great Dane had eaten 43 socks. He had to have stomach surgery, in case you are wondering, and is doing OK now.

We asked the housekeeper to keep an eye out for the errant garment. She's been known on occasion to accidently vacuum up something that shouldn't be. She had not done the deed, she assured me, and I believed her.

I proposed taking apart the washing machine to see if it somehow got mangled by the agitator. Madame reminded me that this machine does not have an agitator, so I said I could pull out the dryer and see if it managed to pull through the lint thingy into the stovepipe that exited through the wall on the sunrise side of the house.

That proposal agitated Madame, who suggested it would be far less expensive to buy a pair of socks than hire a professional to put the washer and dryer back together.

Greater minds than mine have flummoxed by a sock that's gone AWOL. I shudder at the thought of the hours reasonable men and women have devoted to their search for one sock.

Were the late physicist Stephen Hawking still with us, maybe he would tell us a missing sock is anecdotal proof of the existences of miniature black holes that magically absorb socks past the event horizon.

Indeed, science might give us the answer. Not being too proud to ask for help. I turned to the Artificial Intelligence website to get a physics-based answer. After less than a minute, I had a formula on my screen which I share so you can use it to fob off someone wanting you to find their sock: (L(P x F) + C(T x S) - (P x A) = missing sock.

L stands for laundry size, which is determined by the number of people (P) in the household multiplied by the number of washings (frequency or F) per week.

C stands for complexity or: a. the number of dials and buttons on the control panel of both the washer and dryer; b. the amount of care that must be taken to add the right fluids and start the machine; c. the amount of separating that must be done in advance (i.e. colors, fabrics, temperatures) and so on.

T = the types of washing done each week. P represents one's enthusiasm about doing the laundry, ranging from 1 (I hate this job and when I get rich enough I'm going to hire someone to do this for me) to 5 (WOW! This is the most fun I've had since this time last week. I wish I could do this more often.)

A means the level of attention devoted to do the laundry each and every week or several times a week for years on end.

Obviously, the P and A portions of this formula are so variable that it throws everything off-kilter, just like too many heavy sheets on one side of the tub in the spin cycle.

However, it does teach us one thing: The more laundry you do, the more routine it becomes to the point where your mind is away with the fears, which is right when the Black Hole slips past you, grabs the sock and you have no idea where it went.

I am no physicist, but I will give pastoral counseling here: Some things are a mystery. We have big and small mysteries in life. Missing socks are small ones.

G CORWIN STOPPEL

We must learn to embrace these mysteries and make a leap of faith. Someday, perhaps not in our lifetime or this universe, but in a parallel one, someone will find a single sock somewhere. It might be the one you lost on washing day.

You can keep it as a reminder of the time you invested reading this column.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STATE OF THE UNION

I was born in the 1950's and grew up in a Dutch Calvinist Republican home. My family went to church twice on Sundays. My grandfather was a minister. He led efforts to resettle Hungarian refugees in 1956 after Soviet tanks rolled into Budapest. He was friends with Rep. Gerald R. Ford, later President Ford. I was raised to oppose Communism and dictatorships.

In a recent moment of nostalgia, I visited the American Presidency Project on the web and read the Republican Party Platform of 1956. It is a forty (40) page document. In 1956, President Eisenhower was re-elected. He received 457 electoral votes and 57.4% of the popular vote. President Eisenhower received a bona fide mandate.

Of note, the 1956 Republican Party Platform stated that Republicans stood for the following: 1. In all those things which deal with people, be liberal, be human. Pg 2. 2. Basic to governmental integrity are unimpeachable ethical standards and irreproachable personal conduct by all people in government. We shall continue our insistence on honesty as an indispensable requirement of all public service, Pg 2. 3. We are proud of and shall continue our far.. reaching and sound advances in matters of basic human needs - expansion of social security... better health protection of all our people. Pg 2. 4. To promote peace and freedom throughout the world, ... assist friendly countries. Pg 3. 5. We shall continue vigorously to support the United Nations. Pg 4. 6. Governmentmust _have a heart as well as a head. Pg 6. 7. We stand for forward looking programs. Pg 8 . .• 8. Vigorous enforcement of antitrust laws. Pg 9. 9. Assure equal pay for equal work regardless of sex. Pg 11. 10. Republican action created the Department of Health, Education and Welfare~ Pg 12. 11. We shall continue to seek extension and perfection of a sound social security system. Pg 14. 12. Continue and expand the Republican sponsored school milk program, to encourage further use of the school lunch program, ... Pg 17. 13. We condemn improper use of money in political activities. Pg 19. 14. Bring our immigration policies in line with the dynamic needs of the country. Pg 23. 15. Today (1956) -The Communist aggressors have been denied their goals. Pg 24. 16. NATO will provide a means for coordinating the policies of member states on vital matters, such as ... general policies in relation to the Soviet Union. Pg 26. 17. Relations with Soviet Russia -In Geneva, President Eisenhower made clear our determination not to purchase peace at the price of freedom. Pg . 27. 18. We support a policy of impartial friendship for the peoples of the Arab states and Israel to promote a peaceful settlement of the causes of tension in the Middle East. Pg 28. 19. Barriers which impede international trade and the flow of capital should be reduced. Pg 29.

There was no mention of or promise to "Own The Libs" at the cost of party integrity or character.

I watched President Trump's State of the Union speech on March 4th. It left me feeling sad. I grew up hearing ministers quote Jesus Christ and teaching that our nation would be judged as set forth in Matthew 25: 31-46. I remember my parents punishing me for telling lies. Lying was a bad thing. It hurt thinking that what I was hearing had to be fact checked. President Ronald Reagan said that we had to "Trust But Verify" what we heard from the Russians. I now feel that I have to verify everything I hear from Washington DC. I did fact check after the President's speech to verify if what was said was truthful. You should do so too every day.

Of note for me was the commentary on Social Security. I realize that we live in a post literate society. If you are reading so far, thank you. The venomous snake of misinformation slithered out too often on Tuesday night.

President Trump said: 1. "Believe it or not, government databases list 4.7 million Social Security numbers from people aged 100 to 109 years ·old." 2. "It lists 3.6 million people from ages 110 to 119. 3.47 mil.lion people from ages 120 to 129. 3.9 million people from 130 to 139. 3.5 million people from age 140 to 149, and money is being paid . to many of them." (Emphasis added.) (Actually, the SSA I found shows 89,000 people age 99 or over were receiving Social Security benefits in 2024 which is not even close to the millions and millions Trump invoked.) 3. "1.3 million people from age 150 to 159 and over 130,000 people, according to Social Security databases, are age over 160 years old." 4. "1,039 people between the ages of 220 and 229, one person between. the ages of 240 and 249, and one person is listed at 360 years of age."

The above words of President Trump are shocking. He said that "... money is being paid to many of them."

In the spirit of President Reagan, I would love to trust but need to verify.

You should know that dead people lack any Constitutional rights. None. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) end privacy at death. Please help me find out the actual names and addresses of the purported dead people receiving Social Security retirement benefits.

I have in the past written to my Congressman. He does not respond to me. I would like to first find out the names and addresses of those dead recipients over the age of 220 years. This is a manageable 1,041 people.

Please help me by writing to Rep. William "Bill" P. Huizenga at either a) 170 College Avenue, Suite. 160, Holland, MI 49423, or b) 2232 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515. Ask him to provide the names and addresses of folks over age 220 years receiving Social Security benefits. In addition, please ask him to confirm IN WRITING that he is not going to vote in any way to cut Social Security retirement benefits nor cut Medicare nor gut Medicaid.

In 2016, Rep. Huizenga chose to follow President Trump. During the campaign, Rep. Huizenga introduced himself at rallies as "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order." Christian first. After the election, he was seen joyfully going to the White House and Mar-a-Lago. I have found no instances where he voiced disapproval over anything President Trump has said or done. Rep. Huizenga, to my knowledge, has never voted in opposition to anything President Trump has wanted.

On Friday, March 7, 2025, Rep. Huizenga chose to cancel his in-person Town Hall, opting instead to go virtual. He excused his cancellation saying voters in person were "funded and organized by outside partisans." To my knowledge these folks were not from outside his district. To this excuse, I submit that Sen. John McCain never hid from his constituents or "outside partisans." I submit, Rep Huizenga might want to Man Up. Rep. Huizenga, further said by way of excuse, that he is elected to "use my experience, my judgment, and then to make tough decisions." It's somewhat obvious that constituents do not trust his judgment and he needs to find the courage to speak truth to power. I miss Representative Fred Upton. He knew what it meant to take an oath and have honor.

I sincerely appreciate your bearing with me and helping me to learn the truth. I cannot bear hearing anymore guys repeating false narratives over beers in a local bar or over coffee at the local restaurant.

P.S. President Trump also said that $8 million was spent federally for making mice "transgender". I looked this up too. Not true. There were "transgenic" studies in mice for investigating many problems in virology and immunology. Transgenic, not transgender. Someone thinks we are stupid.

PSS For decades, Congress has tried to do away with the Social Security tax cap. $176,100 is the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax in 2025. Elon Musk reached that cap of $176,100 within the first few minutes of 2025. The cap needs to be removed which will increase funding. Rep. Huizenga needs to be our champion, not just a seat warmer for President Trump and Elon Musk.

William DeHoek

Don't expect DOGE checks

Dear Editor:

Editor thinks DOGE is sending or is going to send Americans 5000 checks is a great tributary to modern tragic theater.

To get this fantasy Check DOGE has to Cut 2 trillion out of the federal budget. Which after 6 weeks, in on track to remove 2 trillion in the next 10+ years.

To get this check congress would have to allocate and set aside any saving year after year for 10 years.

I might be skeptical, but I am not a fool.

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Small business owners learn about cybersecurity

Scott Taber

By James Windell

If you are a small business owner and if you followed all of the recommendations that Scott Taber made, you could still be the victim of a cyber attack.

That might not be the news you wanted to hear, but that is the reality of doing business today. That was the message from Scott Taber, who is Cybersecurity Awareness Specialist for the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Taber presented a seminar on "Hacked & Attacked" on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Lake Michigan College. The two-hour program was sponsored by the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce.

Taber told the audience of South Haven area small business owners that small businesses are likely targets of cyber criminals because small business owners are generally not technology experts. When small businesses are hit with a cyber attack, 60% of them go out of business within six months.

"Cyber criminals can attack your website shutting down your customer's access to your website and your products," Taber said. In addition, he said that small businesses are just as likely as big businesses to be the target of ransomware and extortion. He went on to say that more than 1,200 people and businesses reported an extortion attack each year in Michigan, and more than 1,375 reported personal data breaches. The amount of money lost in Michigan due to cyber criminals in 2023 was $138 million.

During his presentation, Taber gave examples of suspicious emails which may lead to a cyber attack. "An attachment to an email, even one purportedly from someone you know," he said, "is always a red flag."

One of the best ways to ward off a ransomware attack is by having a good daily backup of your data, Taber told the audience.

"If you get a ransomware message," he recommended, "you should immediately call the Michigan State Police and the FBI. If you call the Michigan State Police within 24 hours, there is a good chance of stopping the attack."

Taber advises small businesses to develop a cybersecurity plan. "One of the best things you can do as part of your plan is to develop a multifactor authentication system," he said.

Taber explained that protecting a small business does not have to be expensive. "There is a lot you can do that involves no cost," he said, "such as training, education, and awareness."

At the end of the seminar, Taber said that Michigan's SBDC is always available to provide consultation and that the SBDC can help small businesses prevent a cyber attack by helping businesses create a cybersecurity plan.

Donation of body armor made to K9 Quillen

PAW PAW - Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, K9 Quillen has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Quillen's vest is sponsored by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Mijo & Maya."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is United States made, custom fitted, and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,918 vests valued at $6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states made possible by both private and corporate donations.

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32464 Red Arrow
Pastor Horace M. "Buddy" Turner... 657-2090
SUNDAY
Worship - 11 a.m.
on Facebook:
www.Facebook.com/buddyturner2 or search:
"Buddy Turner"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
120 Pine St, Paw Paw
Worship: 11am Sundays
in person or online at -
www.pawpawpres.com or
www.youtube.com/@1stprespawpaw

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NEW HOPE FAMILY
201 W. Michigan Avenue
Pastor Mark Roberts
www.newhopefellowship.org
SUNDAY
Morning Worship - 10 a.m.

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PAW PAW SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CURCH
60409 South M-40
Pastor Sean Reed
Lawn Services - 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
www.pawpaw.church
Oline worship services on Facebook & YourTube

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PAW PAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
657-7727 • 420 W. Michigan Ave.
Pastor Dan Phillips
SUNDAY Service: 10:00 am

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RED ARROW MINISTRIES
31133 Red Arrow Highway
Rev. G. Ben Bowater, IV Founding Pastor
SUNDAY Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
www.redarrowministries.org for live stream worship

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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
412 Cedar Street
Handicap Accessible
657-3762 • www.stmarkpawpaw.com
e-mail: stmarkspawpaw@gmail.com
Mailing Address:
P.O.Box 307, Paw Paw, MI 49079
SUNDAY Worship 9:30 a.m.

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ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
500 Paw Paw Street
Rev. Fr. Alan P. Jorgensen
657-4459
SATURDAY Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES - 9AM & 11AM
Holy days & Daily Masses
Consult Bulletin

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
721 Pine Street
Pastor Phillip Phifer
Church: 657-4840
School: 657-5921
Sunday Services 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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TRUTH CHURCH
32560 56th Ave. • 657-5042
www.truthchurchpawpaw.com
Pastor Steven Green
SUNDAY
School - 10 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
THURSDAY Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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IGLESIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO/ CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
30037 E Red Arrow Hwy., Bilingual
Pastors Maggie and Jay Salas
Domingo/Sunday:
Adoración | Worship- 10 a.m.
Jueves/Thursday: Oracion/ Estudió Bíblico | Prayer/Bible Study- 7 p.m.
(269) 377-6514/ (269) 993-6727

LAWTON

DAILY HARVEST MINISTRIES
117 S.Franklin Street
Pastor Jack Shanley
SUNDAY Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Bible Study - 6 p.m.

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IGLESIA PENTECOSTES
Eel Movimiento misionero Mundial, Inc.
Bilingual
117 S. Franklin Street
Pastors Arturo & Lourdez Hernandez
(616) 656-0137
SERVICES
Domingo - 9:30 a.m.
Martes y Jueves - 7:30 p.m.
Local: (269) 655-8071

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LAWTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH
425 S. Nursery Street, Lawton • 624-1524
Call if you need help in some way
www.lawtonevan.com
SUNDAY Worship Services - 10 a.m.
We offer Nursery and Children's Church

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NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
502 N. Main Street, Lawton, MI 49065
Pastor Adam Potgiesser
Sunday Worship 10am
www.nc2online.com • facebook.com/nc2online
(269) 299-2003

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
624-1050
Pastor Ashlei Horn
SUNDAY Worship - 10:00 a.m.
www.stpoulsumclawton.com or on Facebook
www.Facebook.com/Lawton-St-Pauls-UMC

MARCELLUS

ST. MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
296 E. Dibble St.
Rev. Fr. Alan P. Jorgensen
668-3312
SUNDAY - 9:45AM

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HARMONY CHAPEL
88067 C.R. 652 (In the SW corner of Porter Twp.)
Rev. Ron Packer
269-548-7348
Please join us as we continue to Worship in the Country Since 1894
SUNDAY Service - 12:30 p.m.
For mor information or directions call:
Neal Ferguson: 269-624-6837 or
Ann Nesbitt: 269-624-6781

DECATUR

DECATUR BIBLE CHURCH
80797 M-51, Decatur • (269) 423-5111
Pastor Steven Pace
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study &
Prayer 5:00 p.m.
facebook.com/DecaturBibleChurch • http://www.decaturbible.org

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Decatur New Hope Community Church
319 ½ West Delaware Street
Pastor Ross Tarantino
SUNDAY • Worship Service-10:00 a.m.
TUESDAY • Bible Study-1:00 p.m.
269-423-8136
info@decaturnewhopecommunity.net

MATTAWAN

Calvary Community Church
7829 S. 5th St
Pastor Gregory VanHeukelom
375-6240 • www.calvaryreformed.org
Website: https://www.calvary-community.church/
Worship still 10 am Sunday with live Facebook
Jody's Closet, a free clothing ministry is open
Mon/Tue 10am-12 and Thur 6-7:30pm
And the 1st Saturday of the month 8:30-10am.•

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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
56070 Murray Street
Pastor Chuck Rawsthorne
SUNDAY
School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
(In person and on Facebook)

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MATTAWAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
23680 Front Ave.
668-3263 • www.mattawancc.com
mattawancommunitychurch@gmail.com
Pastor Eric Baird
SUNDAYS AT 10:25 A.M

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ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH
23830 Front Ave.
Rev. Fr. Alan P. Jorgensen
668-3312 • www.stjohnbosco.com
SUNDAY Mass - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
SATURDAY 4 p.m.

LAWRENCE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Corner of Exchange & James Street • 674-8381
Pastor Doug Tipken
SUNDAY Worship - 11 a.m.
lawrencemethodist-church.org
for information of online videos

GOBLES

NORTHPOINT MINISTRIES OF GOBLES
04077 M40 • 269-628-9199
northpointgobles@gmail.com
Pastors: Gary Lounsberry & John Losen Jr.
Sunday: 11am - Morning Worship
Monday: 7 pm - REFRESH Bible Study
Wednesday: 7pm - Prayer Meeting

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES IS PROVIDED BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

THE CLOTHES BASKET
314 Paw Paw Street
Paw Paw • 657-6441

DE TSMIA
Insurance Agency, INC.
130 N. Main Street
Lawton • 624-4411

CAMPBELL MURCH
CEMETERY MEMORIALS, INC.
56556 Main Street
Mattawan • 668-3350

Adams FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES
ADAMS FUNERAL HOME
Serving the Community Since 1948
504 W. Michigan Avenue
Paw Paw • 657-6347

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HIEMSTRA OPTICAL CO.
Michael Houser & staff
133 E. Michigan Avenue
Paw Paw • 657-4511

St JULIAN winery • distillery
Michigan's Oldest & Largest Winery
716 S. Kalamazoo Street
Paw Paw • 657-5568

BRONSON LakeView Hospital
408 Hazen Street
Paw Paw • 657-3141

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of Michigan
9th Circuit Court - Family Division Kalamazoo County
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 2024-0277-NA • PETITION NO. A

TO: Roni Jean Burnum
IN THE MATTER OF: Abagail Berry, Mary Lands
A hearing regarding Pre-Trial will be conducted by the court on April 10, 2025 at 8:00am in the 9 th Circuit-Court Family Division, 1536 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 before Referee Paul J. Yancho.
A hearing regarding Review Hearing 182 Day Out-of-Home will be conducted by the court on May 27, 2025 at 10:00am in the 9 th Circuit-Court Family Division, 1536 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 before Referee Robin V. King .
You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by judge or jury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Roni Jean Burnum personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.
This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights.

State of Michigan
Probate Court Van Buren County
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
Case No. 2025-1033-DE • Judge Hon. Susan Metzger
Estate of **BRENDA LEE SEARLES/ AKA BRENDA LEE KOBACK, DECEASED**
Date of Birth: **SEPTEMBER 01,1957(09/01/1957)**

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **Brenda Lee Searles/ AKA Brenda Lee Koback, died December 18,2023 (12/18/2023)**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Jessica F. Sparks,** personal representative, or to both the probate court at **212 E. Paw Paw Street #220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079** and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 5,2025

Attorney:
Mark A. Manning P36369
15414 77th Street, South Haven, Michigan 49090
269-341-3191
Personal Representative
Jessica F. Sparks
30764 CR 653, Gobles, MI 49055
269-370-5626

State of Michigan
Probate Court Van Buren County
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
Case No. 2025-1017-DE • Judge Hon. Susan Metzger
Estate of **JAMES LEON HOLLIS, DECEASED**
Date of Birth: **MARCH 30,1983 (03/30/1983)**

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **James Leon Hollis, died January 23,2025 (01/23/2025)**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Ahmed Alaabodi,** personal representative, or to both the probate court at **212 E. Paw Paw Street #220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079** and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 4,2025

Attorney:

Personal Representative
Ahmed Alaabodi
57223 S. Main St., Mattawan, Michigan 49071
832-228-5427

State of Michigan
Probate Court Van Buren County
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
Case No. 2025-1007-DE • Judge Hon. Susan Metzger
Estate of **GLORIA SHANNON WHITE, DECEASED**
Date of Birth: **FEBRUARY 12,1969 (02/12/1969)**

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **Gloria Shannon White, died October 31, 2024 (10/31/2024)**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Allyson N. White,** personal representative, or to both the probate court at **212 E. Paw Paw Street #220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079** and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 4,2025

Attorney:
Miller Johnson Schroeder PLC
Rebecca J. Ward P85055
728 Pleasant Street, Suite 101, Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085
269-983-1000
Personal Representative
Allyson N. White
728 Pleasant Street, Suite 101, Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085
269-405-2362

State of Michigan
Probate Court Van Buren County
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the matter of the **JAMES B. AND SUE ANN FINK TRUST**
Date of birth: **May 21,1931 (04/21/1931)**

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **Sue Ann Fink died February 2,2025 (02/02/2025)**
There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: **Amy Sue Stozicki, Trustee of the James B. and Sue Ann Fink Trust**, under a Trust Agreement dated August 24, 2000, as amended and restated in its entirety by a Restated Trust Agreement dated June 23, 2022, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 3, 2025

Attorney:
Miller Johnson
Teresa L. Rajala P83305
100 West Michigan Ave, Suite 200, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 226-2950
Personal Representative
Amy Sue Stozicki
6106 N. Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 744-6579

State of Michigan
36th Judicial District - 36th Judicial Circuit Van Buren County
SUMMONS
Case No. 2025-074580-DP

Plaintiff(s):
Alicia Santos Gonzalez
172 Corwin Rd, Apt. 1, Lawrence, MI 49064
(813) 764-6376
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Martha Olivia Villegas #P83628
P.O.Box 143, Oshtemo, MI 49077
(269) 888-4703

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Defendant(s)
Arnulfo Ventura Jose
Unknown Address
Unknown Telephone Number

Domestic Relations Case
There are no pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint.
Civil Case
There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint
Notice to the defendant: in the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:
1. You are being sued.
2. You Have 21 Days after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to **file a written answer with the court** and serve a copy on the other party **or take other lawful action with the court** (28 days if you were served by mail or were served outside of Michigan)
3. If you don not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demannded in the complaint.
4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpter to help you fully participate in court proceeding,s please contact the court immediately to make arragemens

Issue Date: 2/21/2025 Expiration Date: 5/22/2025
COURT CLERK SUZIE ROEHM

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: MATTHEW A MCKEAN; ATTY: QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD & BOYER - QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD & BOYER; 1ST PUB: 2/20/2025; ATTY FILE #: MI-003828; INSURER: (UNKNOWN) - NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT: Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on April 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew A. McKean, the Mortgagor(s), and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Federal Bank, the original Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2021, and recorded on December 2, 2021, in Liber 1729, at Page 902, in Van Buren County Records, Michigan, and last assigned to First Federal Bank, the Foreclosing Assignee, as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 17, 2023, and recorded on October 17, 2023, in Liber 1758, at Page 321, in Van Buren County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six and 06/100 U.S. Dollars ($459,726.06). Said premise is situated at 61881 36th Ave., Bangor, Michigan 49013, in the Bangor Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, and is described as: THE NORTH 660 FEET OF THE WEST 660.66 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 16 WEST, BANGOR TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: 02/10/2025 For More Information, please call: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. MI-003828-23-3

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VAN BUREN; MTGR: ERIKA HENKE; ATTY: TEAM J; 1ST PUB: 2/27/2025; ATTY FILE #: 508366F02; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on March 27, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Erika Henke,a married woman, and Trent A Hunter, a single man, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Citizens Bank, N.A.
Date of Mortgage: December 19, 2019
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 2, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $110,272.20
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Gobles, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: COMMENCING AT A POINT 952.875 FEET (57 3/4 RODS) EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 214.5 FEET (13 RODS); THENCE EAST 49.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 214.5 FEET (13 RODS); THENCE WEST 49.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THE WEST 4.36 FEET OF THE NORTH 124 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT A POINT 952.875 (57 3/4 RODS) EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 214.5 FEET (13 RODS); THENCE EAST 49.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 214.5 FEET (13 RODS); THENCE WEST 49.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING
Common street address (if any): 310 E Van Buren St, Gobles, MI 49055-9307
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 27, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145,
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: VINLAND SUSTAINABLE FARM LLC; ATTY: ANDREW BARNES - ANDREW BARNES; 1ST PUB: 2/27/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN)- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m., on March 27, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by VINLAND SUSTAINABLE FARM, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as Mortgagor(s), to Margaret Asrani, as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated April 28, 2020 and was recorded April 30, 2020 at Liber 1699 Page 558 of Van Buren County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY AND 58/100 ($258,240.58) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at a default rate of 6.00% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of the default. At the date and time as referenced previously in this Notice, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the Township of Covert, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows: The North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Town 2 South, Range 17 West; Address: 41337 78th St., Covert, MI 49043; Tax Parcel No.: 80-07-028-028-00. together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind this sale at any time. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless the redemption period is shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: February 27, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571) BUTZEL LONG P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR MORTGAGEE 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010

(02-27)(03-20)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: MARK A REDFERN; ATTY: SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. - SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, PC; 1ST PUB: 2/27/2025; ATTY FILE #: 25-000322-1; INSURER: (UNKNOWN) - SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - VAN BUREN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on March 27, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Mark A. Redfern and Lori Redfern, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 6, 2018 Recorded on July 10, 2018, Liber 1670, on Page 995, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight and 09/100 Dollars ($171,628.09) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Van Buren County, and described as: Part of the Northeast fractional quarter of fractional Section 4, Town 3 South, Range 15 West, Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, described as commencing at the North quarter post of said Section 4; thence East along the North line of said Section 716.50 feet to the West line of a parcel of land described in a Quit Claim Deed recorded in Liber 1133 on page 991 and the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence continuing East along said North line 15.00 feet; thence South 00° 40` 29" East, parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section 393.42 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said Section 25.40 feet; thence South 00° 40` 29" East, parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section 390.00 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said Section 458.00 feet to a line which is 1164.10 feet East of and parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section; thence South 00° 40` 29" East, along the last described line 676.565 feet to the South line of the North fractional half of said Northeast fractional quarter, also being the South line of a parcel of land described in a Memorandum of Land Contract recorded in Liber 1046 on page 21; thence North 89° 26` 32" West, along said South line 488.08 feet to a line which is 676.10 feet East of and parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section, also being the West line of a parcel of land described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 0878 on page 038 of Van Buren County records; thence North 00° 40` 29" West, along the last described line, 1237.233 feet to a line which Is 218 feet Southerly of and parallel with the North line of said Section; thence East along the last described line 40.40 feet to a line which is 716.50 feet East of and parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section, also being the West line of a parcel of land described In a Quit Claim Deed recorded In Liber 1133 on page 991 of Van Buren County records; thence North 00° 40` 29" West, along the fast described line 218.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 52757 48th Ave, Lawrence, MI 49064 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(02-27)(03-20)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: CHAD KERR; ATTY: TEAM J; 1ST PUB: 3/6/2025; ATTY FILE #: 515346F02; INSURER: FNMA NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on April 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Chad G. Kerr, a married man and Monica Kerr, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): CITIZENS BANK NA f/k/a RBS CITIZENS NA
Date of Mortgage: March 19, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 2, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $333,420.14
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 7 in the North Shore Estates, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 859, Page 51, Van Buren County Records, and any amendments thereto and designated as Van Buren County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 26, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.
Common street address (if any): 556 N Shore Dr, South Haven, MI 49090-2304
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 6, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(03-06)(03-27)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BARBARA PRUITT; ATTY: TEAM X; 1ST PUB: 3/6/2025; ATTY FILE #: 522413F01; INSURER: (UNKNOWN)- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on April 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Barbara Pruitt and Tom L. Pruitt, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2002
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 25, 2002
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $40,086.24
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Columbia, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: BEGINNING ON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST, AT A POINT 547.63 FEET SOUTH 89 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST OF THE NORTH QUARTER POST OF THE SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 110.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, 1314.83 FEET TO THE EAST AND WEST EIGHT LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ON SAME, 110.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 1314.78 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
Common street address (if any): 49290 County Road 388, Grand Junction, MI 49056-9242
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 6, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1554681

(03-06)(03-27)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: BEVERLY RACHEL HILTON; ATTY: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. - RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.; 1ST PUB: 3/13/2025; ATTY FILE #: 22MI00347-6; INSURER: (UNKNOWN) FORECLOSURE NOTICE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, April 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Beverly Rachel Hilton, A Single Woman to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2005, and recorded on June 13, 2005, in Liber 1439, Page 890, Van Buren County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 20, 2025 and recorded February 26, 2025 in Liber 1775, Page 249, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty and 94/100 ($47,140.94) including interest at the rate of 6.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2 and 3 excepting the South 50 feet thereof in Block 42, the Village of Paw Paw original plat. Commonly known as: 500 E SAINT JOSEPH ST, PAW PAW, MI 49079 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 13, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANTWERP TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Antwerp Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the following request. Public comments on the matter are welcomed.

Application
- Request: Church building addition and parking lot expansion (amendment to special land use approval)
- Zoning District: Commercial Overlay (CO)/Rural Estate Residential (R-1)
- Project Address: 60409 M-40, Paw Paw, 49079
- Project Parcel Number: 80-02-019-006-00
- Applicant: Paw Paw Seventh Day Adventist Church

Meeting and Hearing Information
- Location: Antwerp Township offices located at 24821 Front Street, Mattawan, MI 49071
- Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Project Details: call (269) 668-2615

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair at the Township Hall address listed above by 4:00 PM on the meeting date.

If any individual has a physical disability that may limit their participation in the hearing, please notify the Township at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMINGDALE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Bloomingdale Township Board will conduct an Annual Meeting for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 at the Bloomingdale Municipal Center Located at 109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomingdale MI at 6:00pm Residents are ENCOURAGED to make Public Comments and voice concerns during the meeting.

Public Office Salary increases will be voted on by the residents.

This notice is posted in compliance with MCL 141.436, MCL 21.24e, MCL 41.72a, PA 267 of 1976 as amended, and the Americans with disabilities Act (ADA)
Annual Meeting March 19,2025 @ 6:00pm
Budget Hearing March 19, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Regular Board Meeting March 19, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Bloomingdale Township Clerk, Melanie Kelly

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Bloomingdale Township Board will hold a public Hearing on the proposed Budget for fiscal Year 2025/2026 at the Bloomingdale Municipal Building Located at 109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomingdale, MI 49026 On March 19, 2025, at 6:30pm

***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing. ***

A copy of the budget is available for public Inspection at the Bloomingdale Township Clerks Office, Located at 109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomingdale, MI.

Bloomingdale Township Clerk, Melanie Kelly

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Project & Bid Information
The Owner, Gobles Public Schools, will receive sealed bid proposals for the 2023 Bond Projects – BP #2 MS/HS
Renovations and Addition
Please email chuver@wolgast.com if you would like to receive bid documents.

We will utilize a sealed bidding process. Sealed Electronic Copies of Bids are to be uploaded to BuildingConnected. Must be added to the project prior to being able to submit. Reach out to Christie chuver@wolgast.com

All bids are due April 01, 2025 @ 3:30 pm.
All bids will be publically opened and read aloud shortly after bids are due. Link to the bid opening in is the files section of the project in BuildingConnected. Please email chuver@wolgast.com if you have any questions.
- A Pre-bid Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025 @ 3:30 pm starting at Gobles MS/HS cafeteria
- Last Day for Contractor Questions March 26, 2025, at noon
- Last Addendum will be issued March 28, 2025, at noon
- Post Bid Interviews starting approximately April 3, 2025
- BOE approvals (on or about) – April 14, 2025.

Familial Disclosure
All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or the employee of the bidder and any member of the board, intermediate school board, or board of directors or the Superintendent of the school district, intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district, or chief executive officer of the public school academy. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Iran Business Relationship Affidavit
All bidders must provide a signed Iran Business Relationship Affidavit. Effective April 1, 2013 all bids, proposals, and/or qualifications statements received in the State of Michigan must comply with the "Iran Economic Sanctions Act, 2012 P.A. 517. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include this signed affidavit.

Owners' Rights
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept a bid other than the low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in the bid proposals, which they feel to be in their own best interest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 22MI00347-6

(03-13)(04-03)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: KEVIN WAITE; ATTY: BETTER CHOICE NOTICE SOLUTIONS - BROCK & SCOTT PLLC MI; 1ST PUB: 3/13/2025; ATTY FILE #: 24-18752; INSURER: (UNKNOWN) NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 01:00 PM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Kevin Waite to loanDepot.com, LLC dated March 7, 2022 and recorded March 14, 2022 in Liber 1734 at Page 324, Van Buren County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by loanDepot.com, LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $169,026.72. Said premises are located in Van Buren County, Michigan and are described as: THE LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMENA, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 18, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, AT A POINT 1416.00 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST 1/4 POST OF THE SECTION; THENCE NORTH ON THE SECTION LINE 150.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°35'54" WEST 340.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 150.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°35'54" EAST, 340.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Parcel/APN/Tax ID: 80-01-018-002-60 Said property is commonly known as 32846 32nd St, Paw Paw, MI 49079. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: March 7, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-18752

(03-13)(04-03)

COUNTY: VAN BUREN; MTGR: GARED M OWSIANY; ATTY: HOLZMAN, RITTER & LEDUC, PLLC - HOLZMAN CORKERY, PLLC; 1ST PUB: 3/13/2025; ATTY FILE #: (N/A); INSURER: (UNKNOWN)- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M., on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Gared M. Owsiany a/k/a Gared Owsiany, a married man, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to United Bay Community Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated August 25, 2020, and recorded on September 03, 2020, in Liber 1705, on Page 554, Van Buren County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and 75/100 Dollars ($132,248.75) plus accrued interest at 3.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Van Buren County, Michigan @ 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Paw Paw, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point found by commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 22, Town 3 South, Range 14 West, according to the government survey thereof, and running thence with bearing referenced to a survey recorded in Liber 1 of Survey Maps, Page 314, North 88 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds West along the South Line of the Southeast quarter of said Section 1045.58 feet to the point of beginning of this description; Thence North 01 degree 04 minutes 40 seconds east parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter 835.00 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds East parallel with said South line 522.78 feet; thence South 01 degree 04 minutes 40 seconds West 835.00 feet to the South line of said Section; thence North 88 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds West 522.78 feet to beginning, according to a survey made by Smith and Smith, Inc., recorded in Liber 2 of Survey Maps, Page 78 on June 20, 1972. Commonly: 38338 64th Avenue Paw Paw, MI 49079—Tax Id #80-14-022-044-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 13, 2025 United Bay Community Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340

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All proposals received by the time and date stated above will be opened and read publicly at 2:00 pm local time, Tuesday, March 25th at Van Buren ISD Administration Building/Van Buren Conference Center
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Speaker tells The Truth About Hospice

Angela LaBarca

By James Windell

During her 25 years working providing hospice services, Angela LaBarca has encountered all of the traditional myths.

In a presentation to the Scott Club on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, LaBarca listed some of the common myths:

♦ Hospice is only for old people.

♦ If you go into hospice, you will die.

♦ Hospice is only for people with cancer.

♦ A doctor has to refer you to hospice.

♦ Hospice will take away the patient's medication.

None of these statements are true, LaBarca said in her talk. "As for hospice being only for people who will die, people live longer if they are enrolled in hospice." She referred to Jimmy Carter, who was in hospice for 22 months. Furthermore, she said that anyone can refer you to hospice and you will not have your medication or even your primary physician taken away from you.

"We are about comfort," LaBarca said. "We are never going to take away something causing comfort to somebody."

Angela LaBarca is the Community Relations Representative for Corewell Health Hospice & Palliative Care. She said that the work of hospice is misunderstood. "People equate hospice with immediate death," La Barca said, "but we are focused on quality of life and comfort of the patient and family – often for many months beyond their initial prognosis."

She pointed out that many patients come and go from hospice. That is, she emphasized, people may stay in hospice for a period of time and when it is no longer needed, can stop hospice services.

LaBarca told the audience that it is never too early to contact hospice to learn about services when you think a loved one or friend is experiencing decline or facing serious illness. "The earlier a person is enrolled in hospice, the earlier the hospice team can develop a plan of care," she said.

LaBarca explained that Corewell Health Hospice & Palliative Care of Southwest Michigan, formerly known as Caring Circle and Hospice at Home, has been serving Southwest Michigan since 1981. The origins of the South Haven hospice office began in 1984 when Betty Matthews, an oncology nurse from South Haven Community Hospital, saw how patients, their caregivers, and families struggled as they tried to cope after curative treatments ended.

She said that the hospice and palliative care team serving the greater South Haven area is comprised of several physicians, nurse practitioners, full-time registered nurses, licensed social workers, a spiritual care coordinator, a bereavement coordinator, home health aides/certified nursing assistants, and a volunteer coordinator as well as volunteers from within the community.

A final myth that LaBarca dispelled relates to where a patient receives services. "You can receive services at any place you call home," she said.

Mattawan woman faces several charges including assault, meth

Officers found what they suspect to be meth and other drug paraphernalia after arresting a woman for outstanding child support warrants and assaulting an officer, according to the Mattawan Police Department (MPD).

Responding to a trespassing call, officers were dispatched to a residence on Pershing Drive near 25th Street on March 3 where they eventually arrested Jennifer Lynn Nichols, who was not armed, on two outstanding warrants, later charging her with assaulting an officer due to her lacerating an officer's hand while resisting arrest, according to MPD.

The assaulted officer did not require medical attention.

The homeowner, who wasn't home at the time, was contacted by her neighbors that someone was at her house; she then called police.

Nichols told officers that her biological daughter was in foster care of the family living at the residence, and once her identify was confirmed, officers initiated her arrest, first ensuring her health after the altercation via an EMS evaluation before taking her to the Van Burren County Jail, authorities said.

After she was taken into custody, officers searched her vehicle, which was on the property, and found what they suspect to be methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia.

Citations issued for underage drinking party in Waverly Twp.

WAVERLY TWP. - Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott said Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 38000 block of 28th Avenue in Waverly Township Saturday night, March 8, at approximately 11:30 p.m. at the request of an area resident who reported that numerous cars were coming and going from a nearby property.

Sheriff Abbott said the caller advised that there were loud noises coming from the property, and believed that there were numerous people there, stating that something just wasn't right.

Deputies arrived on-scene to discover a number of cars parked along the roadway and a vehicle lined dirt drive, leading back to an open area where a large party was in progress. Upon seeing the lights of the squad cars, many of the participants fled the scene on foot, and some were able to drive away before deputies could gain control of the scene and figure out what was going on.

Two additional units were requested to the scene which turned out to be a gathering of underage men and women, having an out in the country party involving alcohol.

Multiple MIP (minor in possession by consumption) citations were issued and a number of intoxicated participants, who would have ended up driving away had law enforcement not intervened, were found alternative means of transportation to return home.

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office asks for the public's assistance in that if you suspect an MIP Party in progress or hear about the possibility of one occurring in Van Buren County, contact Van Buren County Central Dispatch to make a report. The possibility of drunk driving crashes resulting from these gatherings is high and the Sheriff's Office doesn't want someone making a mistake that may cost them or someone else their life.

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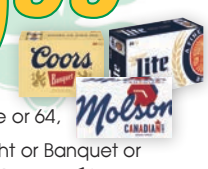

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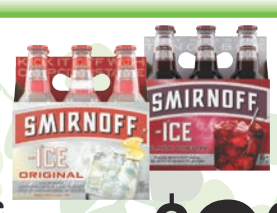

Select Varieties
Smirnoff Ice Malted Beverages
6 pk., 11.2 oz.
(plus deposit)
$9.99

Select Varieties
Leelanau Cellars Wine
Winter White or Great Lakes Red
750 ml
$6.99

Select Varieties
Little Debbie Big Pack Snacks
12.67 - 31.78 oz.
2/$8

Select Varieties
Voortman Wafers
Regular or Mini
6.5 - 10.6 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Nabisco Premium Oyster or Saltine Crackers
9 - 16 oz.
2/$7

Aunt Millie's Bread
Cracked Wheat, 100% Whole Wheat Bread,m Family Style Butter Top Wheat or Italian (22 oz.), **Homestyle Honey** or **Stadium White Hamburger** or **Hot Dog Buns** (8 ct.)
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Our Family Relish
Dill or Sweet
10 oz.
2/$3

Select Varieties
Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
5.5 - 7.3 oz.
4/$5
Save at least $2.96 on 4

Select Varieties
Our Family Deluxe Mac & Cheese Dinner
12 - 14 oz.
2/$4

Select Varieties
Minute or Success Rice
12 - 14 oz.
2/$5
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Our Family Italian Bread
24 oz.
2/$4
Save at least 78¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Barilla Pasta
Regular or Ready Pasta
7 - 16 oz.
2/$3
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Hunt's Canned Pasta Sauce
24 oz.
2/$3

Select Varieties
Dawn Dish Soap
EZ Squeeze or Powerwash
16 - 24.3 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Windex Glass Cleaner or Disinfectant Spray
23 oz.
$3.99

Old El Paso Sale

Select Varieties
Old El Paso Taco or Fajita Seasoning
.85 - 1 oz.
3/$3

Select Varieties
Old El Paso Enchilada Sauce
(10 oz.) or
Refried Beans
(16 oz.
2/$3

Select Varieties
Old El Paso Enchilada Sauce (19 oz.), **Taco Seasoning** (6.25 oz.), **Taco Shells**, **Tortilla Bowls** or **Stand 'N Stuff Tortillas** (4.6 - 6.7 oz.), **Spicy Queso Blanco Squeeze Sauce** (9 oz.) or **Dinner Kits** (8.8 - 12.5 oz.)
2/$6

Select Varieties
Downy Infusions Mega Dryer Sheets (130 ct.), **Unstoppables** or **Infusion Scent Beads** (18.2 oz.), **Liquid Rinse & Refresh** or **Tide Liquid Rinse & Refresh** (48 oz.) or **Tide Liquid Detergent** (63 oz.)
$11.49
Save at least 50¢ on 1

Shout Laundry Stain Remover
22 oz. trigger
$3.99

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

2/$10 Nestlé Ice Cream Sale

Select Varieties
Edy's Grand Ice Cream
Classic, Slow Churned or Slow Churned No Sugar Added
1.5 qt.

Select Varieties
Häagen-Dazs Ice Cream
14 oz.

Häagen-Dazs Sorbet
Mongo or Raspberry
14 oz.

Nestlé Oreo Novelties
Bars (5 ct.), Balltop Cones or Sandwiches (4 ct.)

Select Varieties
Häagen-Dazs Butter Cookie Cones
4 ct.

Select Varieties
Häagen-Dazs Ice Cream Bars
3 ct.

Select Varieties
Green Giant Simply Steamable Vegetables
9.5 - 10 oz.
2/$5
Save at least 58¢ on 2

Select Varieties
Banquet Mega Bowls
13 - 16.2 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $3.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Marie Callendar's Pot Pies
15 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Our Family Whipped Topping
Original or Reduced Fat
16 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
FarmRich Appetizers
13 - 22 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $3.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Home Bake Frozen Sides
15 - 22.2 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $3.50 on 1

Mr. Dell's Hash Browns
Southern Style (32 oz.) or Shredded (30 oz.)
$3.99
Save at least 90¢ on 1

dairy savings - dairy savings

Select Varieties
Coffee mate Coffee Creamer
Regular, Cold Foam, Zero Sugar or Sugar Free, 14 - 32 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $3.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Shredded Cheese
8 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.00 on 2

Our Family 2% Lowfat Milk
gallon
$3.59
Save at least 40¢ on 1

Daisy Sour Cream
Origina or Light
14 - 14.72 oz. squeeze
2/$5
Save at least $1.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Pizza Dough or Rolls
8 - 13.8 oz.
2/$5
Save at least 98¢ on 2

Country Fresh Small Curd Cottage Cheese
3 lb.
$4.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Dannon Danimals or Activia (4 - 6 ct.) or **Natural Plain or Light + Fit Yogurt** (32 oz.)
2/$6
Save at least $1.78 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Cracker Cut Cheese
10 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 70¢ on 1

health & beauty and general merchandise

Select Varieties
Dove Men's Deep Clean Bar Soap
2 ct.
$5.99

Select Varieties
Dove Men's Bar Soap
5 oz.
$7.59

Select Varieties
Dove Body Wash
20 oz.
$9.99

Select Varieties
Dove Men's Body Wash (13.5 oz.) or **Body Wash** (11 oz.)
$6.49

Select Varieties
Dove Men's Care Body Wash
18 oz.
$8.99

TopCare Dual Action Powerbrush
each **$6.99**

Select Varieties
TopCare Ibuprofen
200 ct. **$8.99**

Select Varieties
Dove Therapy Shampoo or Conditioner
12 oz. **$5.99**

Select Varieties
Dove Shampoo or Conditioner
Regular or Men's, 12 oz. **$5.99**

TopCare

Select Varieties
TopCare Nutritional Supplement
6 ct.
$8.49

Select Varieties
TopCare Nutritional Supplement Plus
6 ct.
$9.99

Select Varieties
TopCare High Protein Shake
4 ct.
2/$14

Select Varieties
TopCare Cotton Balls or Cotton Swabs
80 - 500 ct.
2/$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Liners or Maxi Pads
16 - 40 ct.
2/$6

Select Varieties
TopCare Tampons
36 - 40 ct.
$6.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Men's or Women's Protective Underwear (12 - 66 ct.) or **Pads** (17 ct.)
$1.00 OFF Regular Retail

Energizer Batteries
AA or AAA
4 ct. ..... **2/$10**

Select Varieties
Sylvania LED Light Bulb
each **$4.99**

O'Keefe's Working Hands
2.7 oz. jar or 3 oz. tube **$7.99**

TopCare Severe Cold & Flu, Sinus Congestion Pain Reliever or Non-Asirin Severe Cold & Congestion
24 ct. caplets ..... **2/$9**

Select Varieties
Tressemé Hair Spray, Mousse or Gel
7 - 11 oz. **$7.49**

All American Greeting Cards
each
50% OFF Regular Retail

Select Varieties
TopCare Antacid Tabs
60 - 150 ct.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Tresemmé Shampoo or Conditioner
28 oz.
$7.99

Select Varieties
Listerine Mouthwash
1 liter
$7.99

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